

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) The device of claim ~~12~~ 21, wherein the clasps are generally C-shaped, semi-rigid clasps, whereby the gardening tool handle engages the clasps by a snap connection.

9-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) The device of claim ~~12~~ 21, wherein the at least one gardening tool head and the gardening tool handle are designed to engage and disengage via a locking pin connection.

12-16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) The device of claim ~~12~~ 21 wherein the inner portion is constructed of a porous, protectively coated material, the inner portion located inside the case body.

18. (Currently Amended) The device of claim ~~12~~ 21 wherein the inner portion is constructed of a porous, oil coated material, the inner portion located inside the case body.

19. (Currently Amended) The device of claim ~~12~~ 21 wherein the inner portion is constructed of a porous, material carrying rust protectant, the inner portion located inside the case body.

20. (Currently Amended) The device of claim ~~12~~ 21 wherein the inner portion is constructed of a material impregnated with oil, the inner portion located inside the case body.

21. (Currently Amended) A storage and transport device for garden tools comprising: The device of claim 12

a case body constructed of a generally rigid material;

an inner portion adapted to hold at least one gardening hand tool, at least one gardening implement, and at least one gardening tool head;

a set of clasps associated with the case body, a first clasp of the set positioned adjacent a first end of the case body and a second clasp of the set positioned adjacent a second end of the case body, whereby the clasps comprise opposed, interleaved clasps extending inwardly from two case halves joined at a hinge and forming the case body; and

an elongated gardening tool handle designed to extend between and engage and disengage with the clasps and used to carry the case body, wherein the at least one gardening tool head is designed to be mounted selectively on the gardening tool handle.

22. (Currently Amended) The device of claim ~~12~~ 21, wherein the tool handle is comprised of two telescoping sections.

23. (Currently Amended) The device of claim ~~12~~ 21, wherein the inner portion is molded plastic with holding portions shaped to hold one or more items selected from the group comprising gardening hand tools, gardening implements, gardening tool heads and the tool handle for operable connection to tool heads.

24. (Currently Amended) The device of claim ~~12~~ 21, wherein the inner portion is resilient foam with holding portions shaped to hold one or more items selected from the group comprising gardening hand tools, gardening implements, gardening tool heads and the tool handle for operable connection to tool heads.

25. (Previously Presented) A storage and transport device for garden tools comprising:
a case body constructed of a generally rigid material;

an inner portion adapted to hold at least one gardening hand tool, at least one gardening implement, and at least one gardening tool head;

a set of clasps associated with the case body, the clasps extending outwardly from the edges of two case halves joined at a hinge and forming the case body; and

a gardening tool handle designed to engage and disengage with the clasps and used to carry the case body, wherein the at least one gardening tool head is designed to be mounted selectively on the gardening tool handle, the gardening tool handle passing through at least one clasp and having a releasable attachment to at least one other clasp, wherein the releasable attachment is the same as used for mounting the at least one gardening tool head.

26. (Currently Amended) A storage and transport device for garden tools comprising:

a case body constructed of a generally rigid material;

an inner portion adapted to hold at least one gardening hand tool, at least one gardening implement, and at least one gardening tool head;

a set of clasps associated with the case body, the clasps comprising opposed, interleaved clasps extending outwardly from the two case halves joined at a hinge and forming the case body; and

a gardening tool handle designed to engage and disengage with the clasps and used to carry the case body, wherein the at least one gardening tool head is designed to be mounted selectively on the gardening tool handle, the gardening tool handle passing through at least one clasp and having a releasable attachment to at least one other clasp wherein the releasable attachment is the same as ~~sued~~ used for mounting the at least one gardening tool head.

27. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 26, whereby the releasable attachment is a threaded connection used to attach to the at least one gardening tool head.

28. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 26, wherein the inner portion is constructed of a porous, protectively coated material, the inner portion located inside the case body.

29. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 26, wherein the tool handle is comprised of two telescoping sections.

30. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 26, wherein the inner portion is molded plastic with holding portions shaped to hold one or more items selected from the group comprising gardening hand tools, gardening implements, gardening tool heads and the tool handle for operable connection to tool heads.

31. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 26, wherein the inner portion is resilient foam with holding portions shaped to hold one or more items selected from the group comprising gardening hand tools, gardening implements, gardening tool heads and the tool handle for operable connection to tool heads.